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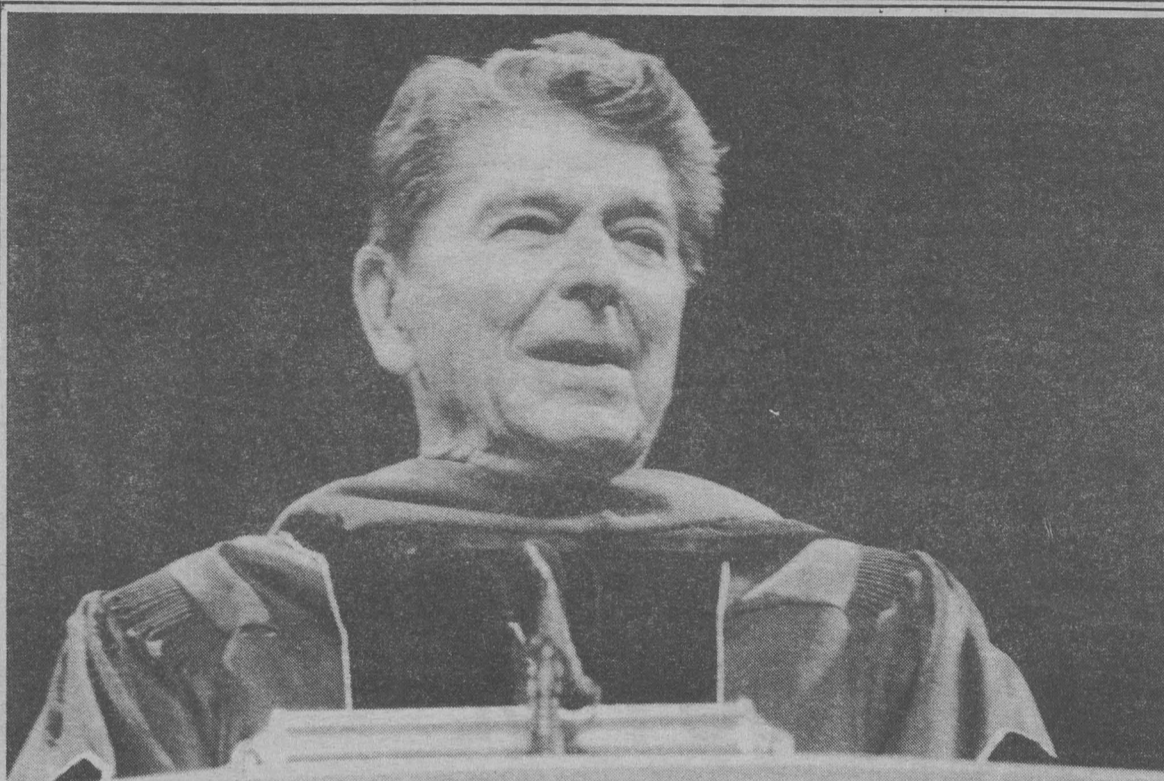
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN SPEAKS to GW students at a convocation held in his honor.

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## Reaction to ceremony is positive

*GW community pleased with former president's stance on gun bill*

by Deborah Solomon

Asst. News Editor

Members of the GW community were pleased with President Ronald Reagan's support of the Brady Bill, which he announced last Thursday at GW.

The proposed Brady Bill would require a seven-day waiting period to purchase a gun.

GW College Democrats President Jon Altenberg said he was extremely impressed with the convocation, especially the former president's support of the Brady Bill. "I respect him for supporting it. It's about time legislation like this gets passed in Congress, I hope Bush supports it too," Altenberg said.

GW College Republicans Chairman Christopher Tipping said he thought the entire ceremony was wonderful and flawless. "This does immense good for GW. It shows just how respected GW is," Tipping said. He added that although he may not personally agree with the Brady

Bill, he does not fault Reagan for the stance he took on the issue.

Deborah Kulakowski, a nurse who cared for Reagan while he was in intensive care, said she enjoyed the ceremony. "I really enjoyed it. It was a special event," Kulakowski said, adding it was especially nice to see Reagan back on his feet and well recovered.

"The day went so much better than I dared to hope. I was thrilled everything fell into place. It was like a one day reunion of the Reagan administration," University Marshal Jill Kastle said. She noted that she was glad Reagan announced his support of the Brady Bill. "Reagan gave us a wonderful gift by announcing his support. I was thrilled that he publicly announced it, and I was thrilled the audience was so enthusiastic and supportive," she said.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg concurred

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## Reagan announces support of Brady Bill at GW convocation

by Anastasia Benshoff

and

Alec Zacaroli

News Editors

President Ronald Reagan announced his support of the Brady Bill during a ceremony at GW last Thursday commemorating the anniversary of his treatment at GW Hospital after being shot during an assassination attempt in 1981.

Reagan urged both Congress and President George Bush to enact the Brady Bill, a piece of legislation which requires gun purchasers to wait seven days before receiving a license.

Lisner Auditorium was filled to capacity for the 11 a.m. ceremony. Students, faculty and hospital staff participated in the procession.

"I want to tell all of you here today something I'm not sure you know. You do know that I'm a member of the (National Rifle Association) and my position on the right to bear arms is well known. But I want you to know something else, and I am going to say it in clear, unmistakable language: I support the Brady Bill and I urge the Congress to enact it without further delay.

"With the right to bear arms comes a great responsibility to use caution and common sense on handgun purchases. And it's just plain common sense that there be a waiting period to allow local law enforcement officials to conduct background checks on those who wish to buy a handgun," Reagan said.

Reagan was treated at GW Hospital on March 30, 1981, after being shot in the chest by John Warnock Hinckley, Jr. The president underwent nearly three hours of emergency surgery to remove the .22 caliber bullet lodged in his left lung.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachten-

berg gave the opening address. "We're here to honor a president who led our nation for eight years; a president whose vision and leadership significantly changed the nation and the world," Trachtenberg said.

Trachtenberg praised the former president for his support of defense interests. "In particular relevance in recent weeks, the president's foresight and dedication to a strong defense gave our great troops the tools they needed to win peace in the Persian Gulf, and for that we owe him thanks," he said.

Trachtenberg also introduced the doctors, nurses and health care workers that helped Reagan during his treatment at GW. Reagan was given an opportunity to be reunited with GW nurse Denise Sullivan, who held Reagan's hand and comforted him in the recovery room. Reagan had requested he be able to thank Sullivan for her support during his ordeal.

L. Thompson Bowles, vice president for medical affairs and executive dean of the GW Medical Center, presented Mrs. Reagan with a plaque to be hung in the emergency room of the hospital that honors the former first lady for her "courage, strength and dignity" during her husband's treatment.

After accepting the plaque, Mrs. Reagan thanked all who participated in caring for her husband. She thanked the people who "showed me such kindness and gentleness and consideration at a time I really needed it."

Bowles also announced the dedication of the Ronald Reagan Institute of Emergency Medicine.

Trachtenberg presented Reagan with an honorary degree of public service.

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## Martial arts group angry about relocation

by Deborah Solomon

Asst. News Editor

Members of GW's International Shotokan Karate Club — which is being asked to move its karate practices from the Marvin Center to the Smith Center — are concerned they will not be able to practice on a regular basis and feel they are unjustly being pushed out of the Marvin Center, according to Larry Swift, a spokesperson for ISKC.

Three years ago, ISKC was asked to move to the Smith Center, Swift said, but an agreement was worked out so the group could stay in the Marvin Center. "We became a sports club so we could stay here and use room 501 on a first-come, first-serve basis. We've been practicing in the Marvin Center for 10 years. We pay Marvin Center fees and have a right to be here," Swift said.

Office of Campus Life Director LeNorman Strong said the authority for sports clubs was transferred to recreational sports in 1988. "The Smith Center takes responsibility to find space for sports clubs. Any group whose purpose is physical activity must register through the Smith Center as a sports club, and the Smith Center will then house and oversee them," Strong said.

According to Swift, the group received a letter telling ISKC to find adequate space to practice in the Smith Center. The letter said if adequate space in the Smith Center was not available, ISKC must get a written letter from the director of recreational sports explaining that space could not be allotted to them. Only then would they be allowed back into the Marvin Center to practice.

David Saoll, an ISKC member, said the group did not want to move to the

Smith Center because it is not conducive to the type of work ISKC does. "It's too noisy in the Smith Center, and there are always people wandering in and out. Music can also be heard a lot of the time and we can't practice. We need quiet so we can concentrate. Plus, the Smith Center can't guarantee us the space and time we need," Saoll said.

Assistant Athletic Director for Recreational Sports Aubrey Jones said the Smith Center cannot guarantee space, time and dates for ISKC because of University-wide events. "When there is a game or any University-wide event, anything else that has been scheduled gets pre-empted. Shotokan is completely inflexible. They want to be able to practice every week with no changes. We can't guarantee that no changes will occur," Jones said.

According to Saoll, practice is necessary three times a week on a regular basis and the Smith Center cannot provide this.

"They said they cannot guarantee us a space three times a week at regular intervals. Plus, classes get cancelled all the time when there is a basketball game," Swift said, adding several ISKC members adjust their schedule to fit into time slots for practice, and without a regular schedule many could not attend.

Jones said ISKC is being asked to move because all sports clubs are supposed to be housed in the Smith Center. "Our goal is to get all sports clubs in the Smith Center. This is the best way we can oversee them," he said.

"Being a sports club makes us the lowest scheduling priority. Three years

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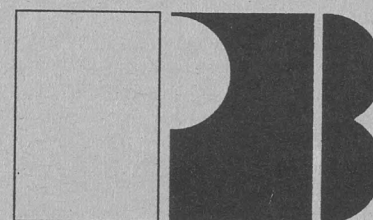
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# New senate convenes for first time

## Recently-elected senators appointed to various committees

by Ginny Garcia  
Hatchet Staff Writer

The 1991-92 GW Student Association Senate gathered last night to elect chair and staff positions for the finance, rules, academic affairs and student life committees.

Undergraduate at-large Senator-elect Jon Tarnow was elected as the senate representative on the Funding Board and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Senator-elect Chris Hyland was chosen to chair the Finance Committee. His staff will include Mike Musante (Columbian College of Arts and Sciences), Raffi Terzian (School of Medicine), Drew Krog (undergraduate at-large) and Beth Seligman (undergraduate School of Business and Public Management).

Rules Committee staff members will include Tarnow, Barry Holman (graduate at-large), Tonya Kaye (National Law Center) and Linc Slipakoff (undergraduate School of Engineering and Applied Sciences). The Rules Committee will be chaired by continuing SPBM Graduate Senator Martin Schultz.

Elliott School of International Affairs Senator-elect Jason Schwartz was elected chair of the Academic Affairs Committee. The Academic Affairs Committee will be made up of Eric Strucko (SBPM graduate), Christina Jurkiewicz (graduate School of Education and Human Development) and Rich Caproni (SBPM undergraduate).

CCAS Senator-elect Jason Ford, the new chair of the Student Life Committee, will be supported by senators-elect Tony Krueger (NLC), Jenn Green (CCAS), Craig Morris (graduate at-large) and John Benison (CCAS).

During the meeting, Graham Benjin was presented before the body of incoming senators as the senate aide to finance, and Jeremy Boby was elected parliamentarian.

The new senators will be sworn in April 22 at the SA Transition Dinner.

The outgoing senate approved nominees to serve on the new Student Judiciary Court at a meeting March 27. The judges are freshman Bill Baroni, sophomore Chris Honorio

and junior Kirt Nelson, and law students Maria Carillo and Hank Fradella.

The nominees underwent questioning by senate members regarding their goals for the court. Because of the death of a close family friend, Baroni was unable to attend the meeting.

Both graduate appointees said they gained experience for their judicial positions while attending the NLC. Baroni and Nelson had previous student court experience.

"As judges, we have no agenda other than that which is brought before us — we cannot have goals, *per se*, because we have to be unbiased," Nelson said.

Senate members deliberated at length concerning the possible influence of Honorio's current job with the Office of Campus Life on his abilities to act as a judge. After discussion regarding whether or not Honorio should consider changing his pursuit of a position on the court for another branch of the SA, the senate voted in support of his appointment.

Honorio expressed his excitement about the court, saying, "The only cause I really want to champion is the students' cause because, after all, we're all students."

SA Executive Vice President Dave Parker said, "This judicial body is supposed to be a thoughtful, slow-moving body so perhaps that facet of the court will strengthen it and make it better."

In the senate's closing comments, the sponsors of the bill forming the court and its bylaws expressed their pleasure in having the bill put into action.

Ending the session, each senator gave a brief statement. Parker said he thought "this has been one of the most successful senates ever." After the meeting adjourned, Parker said, "We have produced a lot of quality legislation and we have achieved a meaningful purpose by directly addressing the administration on tuition and Greek life."

The March 27 meeting marked the final session of the 1990-91 senate.

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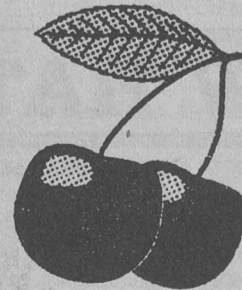
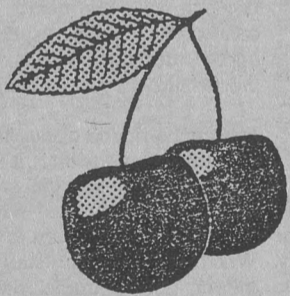
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# EDITORIALS

## Don't jump the gun

How times have changed.

Ten years ago GW made history by saving Ronald Reagan's life. In a ceremony to commemorate the dramatic event last Thursday, Reagan, a member of the National Rifle Association, publicly supported a national seven-day waiting period for handgun purchases — a policy known as the Brady Bill.

Ten years ago, John Hinckley Jr. almost killed Reagan with a handgun. The bill's proposal, to establish a seven-day waiting period to purchase a gun, might have prevented the attempt on the president's life. Even Reagan knows this.

The current patchwork of gun control laws is clearly a failure. Tough state laws are meaningless if one can go to another state and buy a gun rather easily. National laws are the most effective means to keep guns out of the hands of the wrong people.

Gun control laws are not a solution to all crime, but it makes sense to try to stop someone from acquiring a gun in a heated moment of anger. In this instance, a seven-day "cooling-off" period will surely save some lives.

Opponents of the bill think it is unconstitutional. The slight delay to get a gun and the so-called infringement on the Second Amendment right to bear arms, however, is outweighed by the benefits of the legislation.

The issue of gun control pits the individual's right to bear arms against society's right to feel safe. The Brady Bill strikes a reasonable balance. It is not asking a lot to make a person wait for a gun. At the least, it would make it more difficult for impulsively-angered people to get their hands on the triggers.

With the legislation's potential benefits, and now, the recent turnaround-endorsement of a former president and NRA member, Congress should enact the Brady Bill.

By making the announcement at the ceremony, Reagan helped give GW the exposure it deserves for its place in history. The University deserves much credit for the event. No matter what your political opinion of Reagan, all GW students should feel proud of the spotlight they received last Thursday. The ceremony helped to show the nation that GW is on its way to great places.

## Wrong answer

Governor L. Douglas Wilder's support of random drug testing for students in the Virginia state school system radically conflicts with the constitutional rights of students.

In response to a federal drug bust at three University of Virginia fraternities and subsequent seizure of the houses, Wilder has appointed a task force to study drugs and crime at state colleges. He said the task force is free to propose drug testing, so long as it does not "run afoul of constitutional guarantees" against self-incrimination.

Random drug testing of students inherently runs afoul of constitutional guarantees.

A state policy of randomly testing college students is discriminatory against students and an invasion of their privacy. The policy not only singles out students at universities, as opposed to other 18 to 22 year olds who don't go to college, but there is an explicit law about having your privacy violated — it's called the Fourth Amendment.

Drug testing, which has yet to be proven fully reliable, is also in violation of the Fifth Amendment which protects Americans from bearing witness against themselves. A positive drug test is, in effect, evidence of drug use, despite the fact that the results are not always accurate and a positive test can result from secondhand smoke.

Wilder likely has the best of intentions in aiming to curb the drug problem, but drug testing is not the way to do it. The governor was surely embarrassed by the drug bust at his state's finest school and his desire to prevent it from happening again is understandable.

The state got pushed in the right direction last month when federal agents opened Virginia officials' eyes, and the state should keep up the good work. Drug testing, though, is no way to solve the problem.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Lies

I would like to address both political correctness and the article on the Young Americans for Freedom's "Straight Pride Day" speech delivered by Paul Cameron. I appreciate the fact that this campus is alive with debates ranging from what is deemed politically correct, sexually correct, edibly correct, artfully correct, emotionally correct and what have you. These debates point toward the quest of ideological dominance — an illusion which serves the whims of those who are best able to articulate their opinion and manipulate public consciousness at a "historically correct" time and place.

This is nothing new in American history. Not long ago, it was racially correct to lynch black men and rape black women and later it became ethically correct to abolish slavery. A few weeks ago it was politically correct to bomb thousands of Iraqis, and later it was ethically correct to cease fire and bury the dead. Very simple facts, don't you agree?

However, I feel threatened when a person like Paul Cameron, a self-professed psychologist from the Family Research Institute, begins using lies as part of his "politically correct" tools. He maintains that he "wanted an opponent from the GW psychology and sociology departments, but they also refused."

Well, Mr. Cameron, you may not be racist, sexist, bigot, classiest, ageist, phallocentric (and what else?) — oh, anti-gay — but you are a slanderer. Did you actually call the sociology department? How come the department has no record of you asking for an opponent to debate your anti-human wisdom on "sexually correct" sex. Surely, you must remember who you spoke with. Despicable. Cameron, call the sociology department, confess your lie, plead forgiveness and sin no more. Please, do call the sociology department about your next anti-human crusade. We are listed in the *One Book*.

-Nelson Kofie  
-Ph.D. candidate  
-Sociology department

### One more time

The Academic Evaluation debate has demonstrated once again, that staff members of The GW Hatchet are intent on boring people to death. I would like to try, again, to explain why the debate seems complex and interesting to me, while pointing out some gross misstatements made by the Hatchet.

The issue of students' experiences in classrooms is fascinating, extending well beyond the Hatchet fixation on harassment (a problem they feel is well understood and adequately addressed at GW, an undocumented and unsearched opinion in itself). Information from other schools' studies (copies of some of which I gave to the Hatchet) supports the contention that learning is affected in various and complicated ways by class identification, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender.

Students and faculty (more than 80 percent of professors questioned in one survey) at schools including Rutgers, University of Massachusetts, Penn State and others, when asked, expressed interest in learning more about what students of different groups experience in classrooms and how that affects their education. The more interesting and potentially more transformative cases are those that look at the different ways in which people respond and how one adjusts so that these different responses enhance education, rather than alienating or disadvantaging certain groups. The point is to better understand what students experience in order to better educate. The Academic Evaluation questions about classroom environment and course material are the beginning of an attempt to articulate students' views about their classroom experiences. They are limited and inadequate, but they are a start.

The questions try to elicit opinions. The Hatchet mistakenly calls these questions rules. Violations of rules are followed ideally by punishment, generally administered by formal authorities.

Questions are followed by responses and, one would hope, discussion.

The Hatchet mentions that the concerned students who talked with or wrote the staff are members of Women's Issues Now. We are, but the action was not sponsored by the group, contrary to the impression given in the editorial.

The Hatchet states that I, along with other concerned students, asked that an editorial be written with the "right" opinion. This is a lie, either deliberate or a result of careless misreading. I asked that the Hatchet write about the academic evaluations again, after doing research so they could provide the context on the issues, especially regarding other schools' debates and programs that would encourage better-informed,

less cliché-ridden discussion here. It is certainly responsible, it is certainly reasonable, to ask the student newspaper to research and write about an issue that is of concern to the students. Whether the Hatchet staff agrees with me or not is immaterial. Goodness knows I can survive a disagreement with the Hatchet. I have more trouble surviving a campus community in which there are so many committed, thoughtful, wonderful people, who are willing to engage in enlivening discussions, but are kept out of public discussions.

The Hatchet staff does not fulfill their duties to the community when they fail to seek out multiple opinions (especially off the fourth floor of the Marvin Center), over simplify the scope of discussions, refuse to do research and generally do unthoughtful and unchallenging work. I want to hear what people have to say, through open discussions in the Hatchet, Student Association, classes and the Academic Evaluations, limited though that last opportunity is. It's a crying shame to suppress this discussion, and it hurts all our educations.

-Jennifer Hill

# OPINION

## Students are the most deserving of a standing ovation

During the academic year, the GW community has experienced an emotional roller coaster. We have celebrated the performance of our men's and women's athletic teams, witnessed legislation that provides \$50 million for our hospital and realized expanded interest in the University by high school seniors at a time when most of the universities are reporting decreases in applications. These are just a few reasons that we should feel proud to say we hail from GW.

On the other hand, readers of The GW Hatchet are all too familiar with recent reports of uncivilized behavior by some current students, concerns about public safety and security and several incidents that have fueled a current mind set on campus that GW is an institution insensitive to minorities. These events have diminished many of the pleasures and feelings of self-esteem that those of us

who study and work at GW should have the opportunity to enjoy to the fullest extent.

What can we learn from the episodes of the last seven months? That life will not always be a bouquet of roses, that we must appreciate the fact that there is a silver lining to adversity, that human beings from diverse backgrounds and cultures who elect to join a particular community must do so with the basic understanding that differing perspectives and opinions about events must be respected and taken into consideration as remedies to societal problems are sought. While experiencing the euphoria of the good things in life, we must also recognize that there are going to be some rainy days following the ones that are sunny. We must recognize that in a community involving more than 25,000 people, including students, faculty and staff, there will be an occa-

sional unfortunate incident that results in the need for crisis intervention. How we deal with these conditions to a large extent will shape our ability not only to meet and conquer such challenges, but

**Robert A. Chernak**

also to enjoy those good times that occur so frequently at GW.

Last Thursday I had the opportunity to be present at the convocation for former President Ronald Reagan in Lisner Auditorium at which he was conferred an honorary degree. Having been involved in educational administration for almost 22 years, I have had the opportunity to be present at many

graduations and convocations, but I can think of no other that offered the pleasure I experienced last Thursday. The event was exceptionally well planned and executed and congratulations are certainly in order to the many members of the University community who were involved in this event for all of their hard work and effort in coordinating logistics.

But my greatest pleasure resulted from something even more important than the event itself. What I find to be most noteworthy is the fact that hundreds of GW students were in attendance and that their courtesies and enthusiasm directed toward President and Mrs. Reagan reflected the true spirit here at GW. I know that everybody in the audience was touched by the emotion of the convocation, and I want to let the student community know that the comments made to me by the many

guests, including cabinet members and members of Congress, had only praise for GW students about the way they represented themselves at that convocation.

I want to state publicly, not only on behalf of the administration but also for all of those guests who spoke with me, that we thank you, students, for representing our University to the entire nation in a way which pays tribute to the good principles toward which we all strive. I know that on several occasions during the convocation there were standing ovations, but I want to make it perfectly clear that the group deserving the longest and loudest standing ovation is the GW student body. Thank you ever so much.

*Robert A. Chernak is vice president for student and academic support services.*

## Security treated gays unfairly

In order to maintain an educational environment of academic freedom and tolerance for minority opinion and ideas, GW needs a security force that enforces the law in an objective manner. All minorities depend on GW to maintain an atmosphere where they feel free from being targeted because of their status or their views. At "Straight Pride Day," sponsored by the Young Americans for Freedom, I saw clear lack of evenhanded treatment of minorities by University Police.

YAF sponsored a lecture by Paul Cameron, who is a fanatical psychologist who advocates the extermination of homosexuals. Not the typical academic, Cameron has been expelled or censured from five professional organizations including the American Psychological Association, labelled "disreputable" by a federal court, and recently barred from speaking at Catholic University.

Before the forum began, I was told by leaders of the GW Lesbian and Gay Peoples Alliance that they were all opposed to a disruptive protest and instead opted to attend the forum and ask Cameron questions. The lecture was well attended, mostly by gays and lesbians — some from GW and some from an off-campus protest group.

At one point heckling escalated into shouting. Members of YAF tried to shout down members of the off-campus protest group by chanting, "straight pride, straight pride," "freak show" and "this isn't ACT-UP." Dissenters shouted, "racist, sexist, anti-gay, Paul Cameron go away." There was no indica-

tion or threat of physical violence. Nevertheless, I felt relieved when a YAF member rushed out to call security.

A University Police officer arrived and stated he wanted to "see a GW ID." He worked his way from the door of the room, across the back row, selectively confronting some people and expelling them, skipping over others. It was obvious, as audience members pointed out, that a variety of other individuals being passed up by the officer were also shouting. It struck me that he was

**Andrew S. Park**

only confronting lesbians, gays or people wearing pink triangles.

I immediately followed the officer out of the room and asked him why he was only approaching and expelling certain people. His response, "If you cause a disturbance now, I'll ID you." I showed him my identification and pointed out that both gays and straights were shouting. He said he was expelling only those individuals pointed out to him by YAF leaders. Evidently, the officer's procedure was to confront only those individuals identified by YAF rather than making an independent judgment of his own as to whom was causing a disturbance. He forfeited his responsibility to uphold the law in a fair, objective manner and instead relied on the discretion of a

YAF member. The result was selective and discriminatory enforcement.

The officer announced that he would request identification from disruptive individuals, then stationed himself in front of the classroom about six feet to Cameron's left. Two more guards were at each door. The pattern was clear. Gays and lesbians who were disruptive faced a greater risk of being confronted by GW security than heterosexuals who were disruptive. Cameron continued his presentation. To a lesbian in the audience he said, "I want society to as subtly and as forcefully as it can discriminate against the behavior you choose. If I catch 'one of those' doing a homosexual act, I want someone like this gentleman here," Cameron pointed to the officer standing nearby, "to arrest him." Taylor, obviously being aware that he was being used as a prop, stood silent.

By favoring one group of students over another, as they did on Straight Pride Day, University Police established an atmosphere which intimidated and punished dissent and encouraged homophobia and intolerance. University Police need to adopt fair procedures for responding to instances of disruption during lectures. Also, they should apply an objective criteria when deciding who to expel from campus events. Lastly, they should undertake actions to repair the wounds of distrust which have been created by this and similar incidents.

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## Anti-Asian violence, racism go unreported

I was very disappointed to learn that the University was not more concerned about the racial overtones in the fight on 21st Street March 10. It is troubling to think that a University seemingly concerned with multiculturalism on campus is so apathetic about the incident.

I am a Chinese student at GW, and I am concerned about racism against Asians. It bothers me very much to hear derogatory terms such as "gook" being

People may say that this is a minor incident and it rarely happens to Asians. Unfortunately, it does happen and not infrequently. Many people who are not minorities in the United States do not know how often it occurs, or how painful it is to be called racial names or how it can make one incredibly hurt, angry and frustrated that such ignorance still exists.

My intent is not to blow this incident out of proportion. I simply want to take this opportunity to make people aware that Asians are not free from racism. Whereas I am not attempting to color the incident as deliberately racially motivated, one cannot forget that racial slurs were used.

**Nancy Yan**

directed at Asians, especially in a day and age when people seem to be more tolerant of other cultures. The two parties involved both have different stories, but the point is not whether the fight was racially motivated, but that such ugly racial slurs were used at all and that the University did not seem especially sensitive to the issue.

It seems that many hold the idea that Asians are not often discriminated against. Several of my Asian peers and I have been victims of racism more than once in our lives. If Victor Matt Marcos, who was involved in the incident, does not consider himself a racist, then let me ask him why he used racial slurs at all. James Franklin Anderson, also involved in the incident, says that if one cries racism, 80 percent of the time he will be the victor. Perhaps that is because the victim is right 80 percent of the time.

Unfortunately, the University seems to pass over this fact lightly, and the excuse of personnel changes for a lack of response is not convincing enough. I also wonder what "extenuating circumstances" could prevent a response concerning racism. Let me state that an Asian community does exist at GW. Racist incidents are not limited to only black vs. white. The University raises an immediate outcry (and rightly so) if there is a case of racism against blacks, yet makes no comment when Asians are involved.

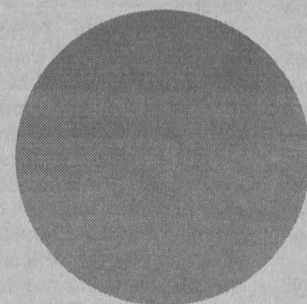
One often does not hear cases of racism involving Asians, but it's about time that one of us spoke out against it.

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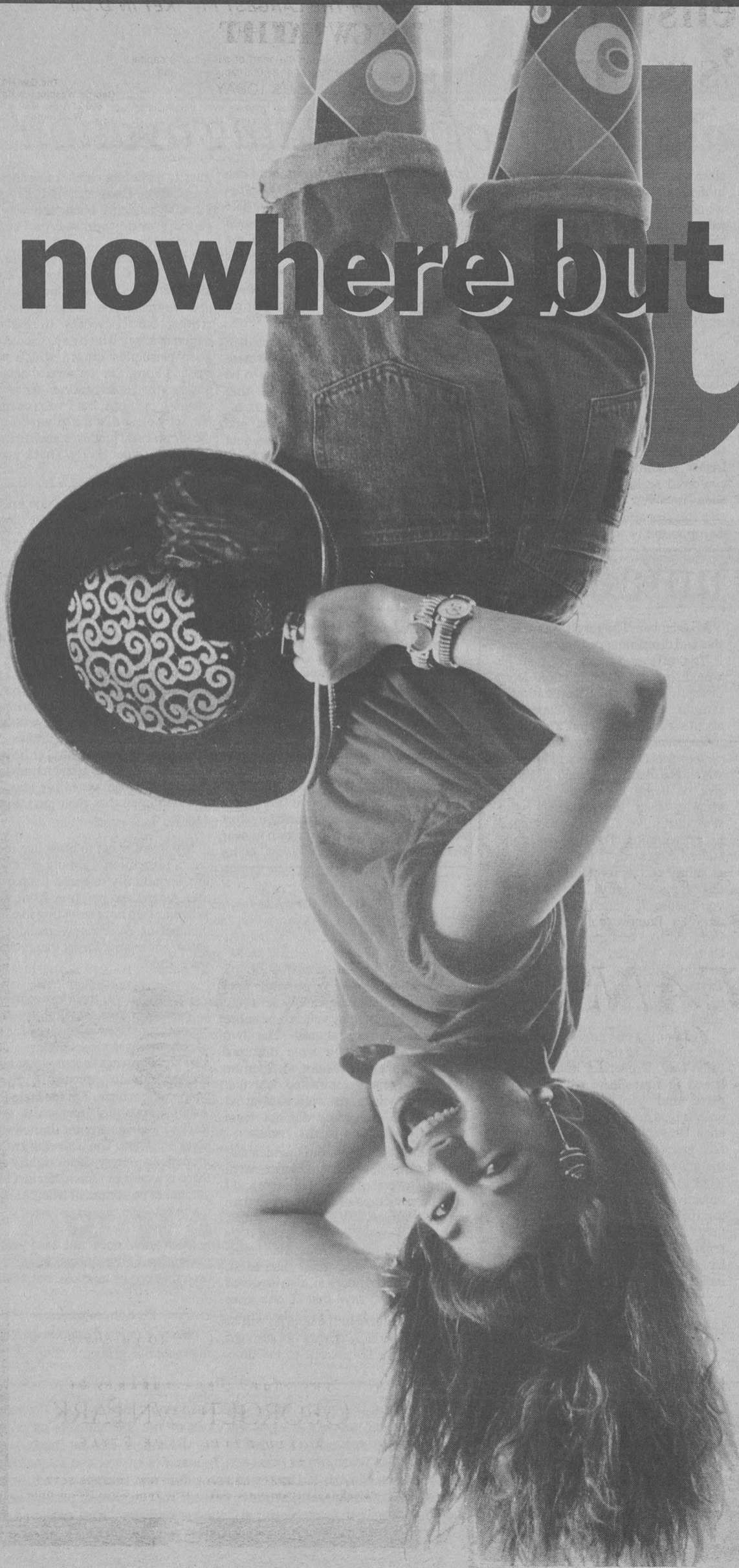
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# New group to fight censoring of free speech on GW's campus

by Maren Feltz  
Hatchet Staff Writer

The Politically Incorrect Student Society, a new GW organization, aims to combat the politically correct movement and ensure that students' right to free speech is not violated at the University, according to the groups' constitution.

Approximately 13 students attended the first meeting Monday. The group's organizer, GW law student Martin Schulz, said those at the meeting gave the "go-ahead" on PISS's constitution. The group's constitution sets forth as its major goals "to make known and promote the principles of Western culture, intellectual freedom and inquiry, and tolerance among the students at (GW)," and "to develop and maintain a University-wide respect for free speech

and the prevention of political re-education and of a politically correct anti-free speech clause at (GW)."

According to Schulz, the idea for the group was inspired by the cover article in *Newsweek* on the "Thought Police." Many students who attended the meeting said they were concerned by recent events of politically incorrect speech that had severe consequences, especially the widely-publicized incident at Brown University in which a student was expelled for using racial, anti-Semitic and anti-homosexual epithets.

"Anybody should be able to say whatever they want to say, even if it may offend the most sensitive people," Young Americans for Freedom President Scott Lauf said.

Many students compared the restric-

tions of political correctness to McCarthyism. "I don't want to see another wave of McCarthyism. There shouldn't be any restriction of thoughts or ideas," said sophomore Michael Soffler, who attended the meeting.

"The main goal is to keep PC off the campus," GW Student Association Executive Vice President Dave Parker said. He added that he does not want PISS to be viewed as a right-wing extension of YAF.

Schulz emphasized that it was important for the group "to try to attract people of all ideologies, races and religions," adding he thought the group would appeal to people of all political affiliations.

Schulz said the group will hold an organizational meeting April 8.

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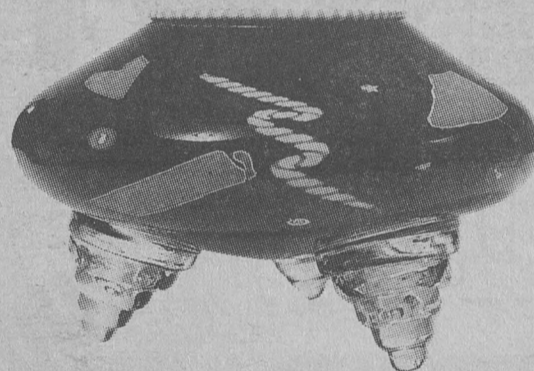
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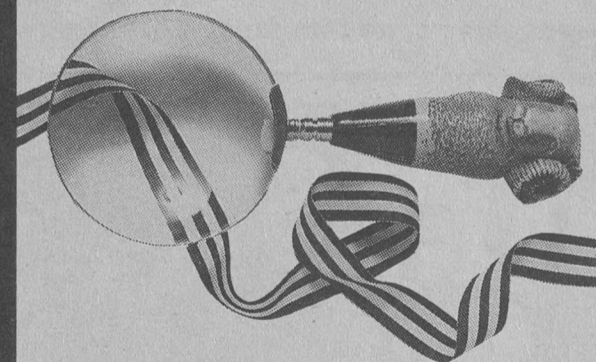
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ago we banded together with other martial arts clubs and got a compromise. Provided we became a sports club we would be allowed to stay in the Marvin Center. All of this was worked out three years ago and now were back where we started," Anurag Angarwal, an ISKC member, said.

According to Marvin Center Governing Board Chairman Kamal Siblini, groups using room 501 must schedule in advance to get the dates and times they would like. "There isn't a lot of space so groups have to reserve the room in advance. In this particular case the groups need to reserve space about one year ahead of time in order to ensure they get the exact time and dates they requested," Siblini said.

According to Saoll, because of a change in leadership, the group did not schedule the room far enough in advance for next year.

"The reason this has started again is because a new Shotokan representative has taken office. Room 501 is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and they slipped in reserving space a year in advance. This created difficulties and the scheduling clerk in the Marvin Center noted she did not have Smith Center authority to move ahead with scheduling ISKC for next year in the Marvin Center so they were referred back to the Smith Center," Strong said.

Currently there are two karate clubs housed in the Smith Center, Shotokan Karate of America and Won Hwa-Do. SKA President John Schonenboom said being housed in the Smith Center is not ideal. He said the group's practices get cancelled frequently because of basketball games and other events. "We never get advanced notice and they make no special provisions for us like getting us another room," he said. Schonenboom added that scheduling space, time and dates is difficult because SKA is in competition with all the other sports clubs, such as racquetball and cheerleading. But having practice in the Smith Center does have some advantages, Schonenboom noted, such as showers and locker rooms.

"Everybody is committed to providing the best accommodations for student groups. We want them to be comfortable and happy, but they have to be flexible and willing to adjust," Strong said, adding if the Smith Center is unable to provide adequate space, ISKC will be allowed to practice in the Marvin Center.

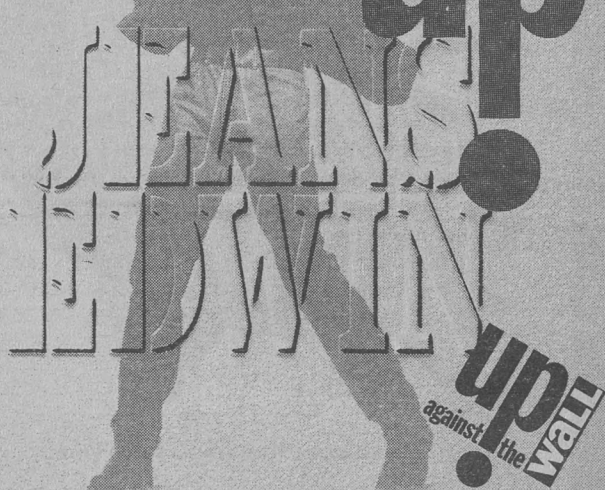
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# University surveys graduating seniors

The Office of Research and Retention has distributed two surveys to assess how graduating seniors feel about their educational experience at GW, and to what degree they participated in service-learning programs outside GW, according to Executive Director of Enrollment Management Cheryl Beil.

This year's survey is also being distributed at 39 other colleges and universities by the Higher Education Data Sharing Group. The survey includes an additional section of questions pertaining specifically to GW's campus, regarding issues such as racial atmosphere, academic advising, date rape, drug abuse, course content and campus security.

"It's very hard to get seniors to respond to this kind of survey," Beil said. In an effort to get more students to complete the surveys, the enrollment

and retention office is offering those who complete the questionnaire a chance to win a \$75 restaurant gift.

A survey measuring students' involvement in internships is also being distributed to all GW students, excluding medical students, Beil said.

The internship surveys will be distributed "to gain a better understanding of the extent to which our students are involved in cooperative education, voluntary service, internships or education-related employment and the extent to which our faculty are involved in advising or assisting students in such educational experiences," according to a University Relations press release. This survey is being distributed in conjunction with the Career and Cooperative Education Center, according to the release.

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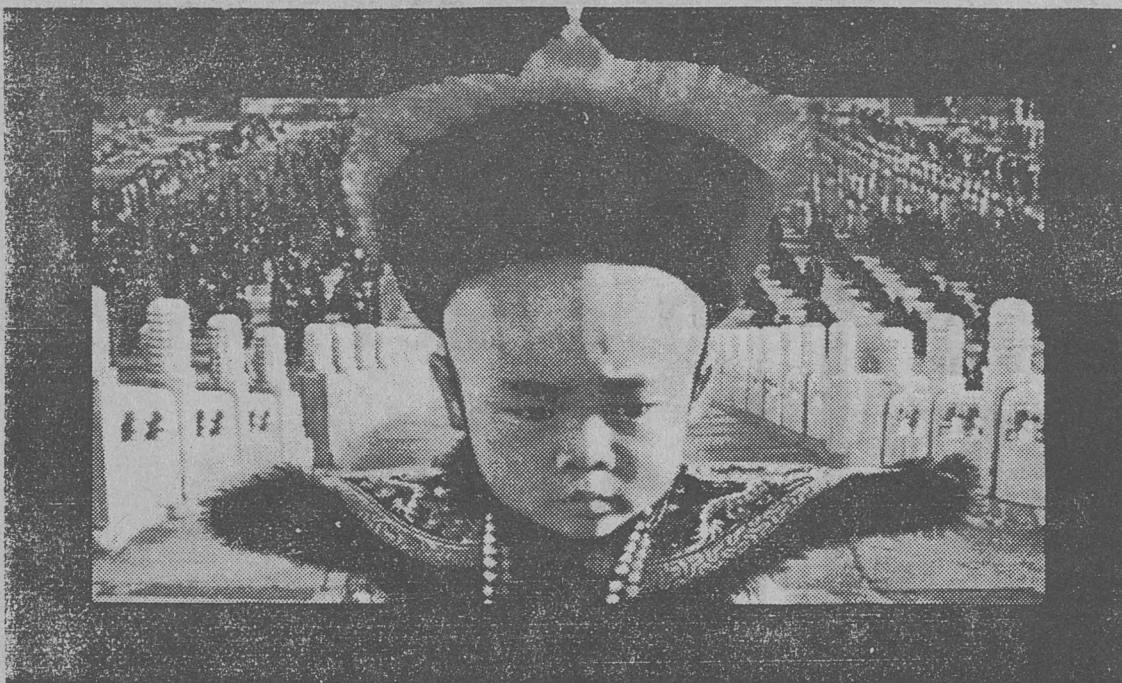
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University Police have received several reports of theft and a report of an assault, according to University Police Inspector J.D. Harwell.

A Thurston Hall resident reported he was assaulted by an unidentified male in front of Thurston Hall at 9:40 p.m., March 20. The student reported to University Police that words were exchanged between him and four males sitting in a red Volkswagen. One of the subjects then got out of the car and struck the Thurston resident in the face. The victim reported that the assailant said, "That ought to teach you not to look at us funny." The assailant then got back in the car and left the scene.

The student suffered from a bruised eye and was taken to the GW Medical Center for treatment. The D.C. Metropolitan Police Department was notified, Harwell said, adding that several cars matching the description of the vehicle were checked out but no matches were made.

An unknown person or persons vandalized door locks of various rooms on the sixth floor of Thurston Hall, March 24. The locks were filled with glue that made them inoperable. The incident is still under investigation and University Police have some possible suspects, Harwell said.

A \$500 Persian rug was reported stolen from the psychology department, room 209 in Building GG, March 23. No signs of forced entry were found, Harwell said.

A woman's wallet containing \$10 was taken from a restroom in the Marvin Center March 22 between 5:35-6:00 p.m. The victim reported that she left her wallet unattended in the restroom, and when she returned, it was missing. The

wallet was later recovered by the victim — minus the \$10 — after being turned in at the Newsstand, Harwell said.

A student reported that \$60 was stolen from his wallet on the ground floor study area of the Marvin Center, March 23. The victim said he had put his wallet in his backpack, and left the backpack unattended briefly while he went to get a drink. When he returned, he found that the \$60 had been removed from his wallet, Harwell said.

A wallet was stolen from a room on the seventh floor of Thurston Hall, March 24. The victim reported the wallet was on her desk when she fell asleep at 1:30 a.m. and upon awakening at 4:30 a.m. she discovered it was missing. According to the victim, the door was unlocked while she was sleeping. The wallet contained various identification and credit cards, but no money, Harwell said.

A Russian history textbook was reported stolen from the fifth floor of Gelman Library, March 26. The victim reported she left the textbook unattended for 15 minutes. When she returned she discovered the book missing. The book is valued at \$20, Harwell said.

A student reported that two textbooks were stolen from his backpack in the lobby of the Computer Information and Resource Center on the B-1 level of the Academic Center. The student reported that he left for five minutes and when he returned the books were missing from the backpack. The textbooks are valued at \$120, Harwell said.

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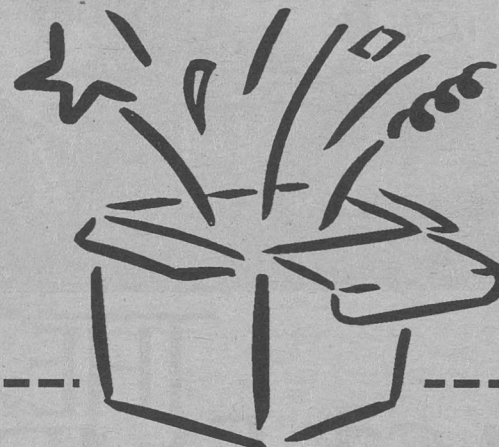
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# GW students visit Japanese companies

by Eric Hipp  
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW's Japanese Masters of Business Administration Association recently returned from a three-day tour of Japanese "transplant" car manufacturing companies in Kentucky and Tennessee, where they met with state officials in Nashville.

JMBA President Takashi Katsumi said a purpose of the trip, March 11-13, was to allow American and international students at GW to see firsthand the Japanese investment in the United States, he added.

The group visited the Nissan plant in Smyrna, Tenn., the Bridgestone/Firestone plant in Nashville, Tenn. and the Toyota plant in Georgetown, Ky., Katsumi said.

"The only information available about U.S.-Japanese economic relations is from magazines and journals. Only by visiting firsthand can the many distortions that Americans perceive be overcome," JMBA Project Officer Atsushi Takeuchi said.

A symposium was held March 24 for students who could not attend the trip, Takeuchi added. Five members of the trip were asked to examine specific aspects of the plants and discuss them, he said.

The first speaker at the symposium was tour participant Joseph Duffy, who spoke about the selection process and training for new employees. He said there is a distinct difference between the

philosophies of the United States and Japan. He said the Japanese are much more slow, selective and thorough in their processes. The Japanese teach employees several skills to give them more flexibility in moving workers around the company, he added.

Tour participant Chin-Hui Chang analyzed the use of a team concept at these plants. Not only does this yield a much higher efficiency, but it promotes good relationships among team members, he said.

Participant Christopher Gilmore said 90 percent of the workers at Japanese plants are employed for their entire life and none of the three plants toured ever laid off workers.

Tour participant Moira McLaughlin spoke about how "total quality management" is used in the plants. She said "quality circles" are formed on a voluntary basis to examine workers' problems and find solutions. These groups, which contain both workers and managers, are given freedom to work independently from the company, but are still given many resources, she added.

Tour participant Hassan Ibrahim examined the Japanese firms Corporate Citizenship, Total Quality Control and Just-In-Time. He said the firms spend quite a bit of money on social functions for the employees and their families, as well as donating money to local libraries and community centers.

Katsumi said half of the trip's cost was donated by Japanese companies.

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# Reagan

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"After all the time I spent with GW doctors it seem's fitting that I've now become one," Reagan said.

In his address, Reagan praised GW, calling it one of the best universities in the country. "Where else can you walk out of your dorm, look down the street and see the White House complex? Where else can you live next to an embassy? Where else can you be taught by policy makers and congressional advisors? Where else do you have to choose between which cabinet member or senator you want to see in the Marvin Center at night? This is no ordinary University. It is a special experience to teach and study here," he said.

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"It's hard to believe it happens so fast, but it does," he said.

The GW Troubadours performed the former president's alma mater from Eureka College, and members of GW's NROTC program presented the flags to Reagan.

# Reaction

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with Kastle about his enthusiasm surrounding the former president's announcement. "I'm very gratified with Reagan's support on the Brady Bill. It's a good legislation. It helped to give the ceremony a substantial meaning," he said, adding the convocation was a real coming together for the University.

GW junior Michael Donohue, who paid \$70 for his Reagan ticket at Martha's Marathon of Birthday Bargains, said he thought the ceremony was excellent. "His support of the Brady Bill is significant," he added.

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## SPORTS

## Dingers power batters to 2 wins

by Holger Stolzenberg  
Hatchet Sports Writer

The GW baseball team won two of three games last week at Francis Field, losing 10-2 to James Madison yesterday, while defeating the University of Delaware, 8-4, Tuesday and George Mason, 14-5, last Thursday.

Yesterday, the Colonials (16-13-1) committed five errors as the first six JMU runs were unearned.

With the Colonials down 6-0 in the sixth inning, the Colonials got their first run on a solo home run by Greg Orlosky.

GW could not put a rally together though and found itself trailing 10-1 in the bottom of the ninth inning. Todd Pittsinger hit a solo home run for the Colonials, his fifth dinger of the season, but to no avail.

"We came out flat and we didn't play our game," catcher Dave Fletcher said. "You can't make five errors and win a ball game."

"The intensity level was not very high (Tuesday)," GW head coach John Castleberry said. "Today, I think our intensity got to us."

Starter Jack Martin went three innings, allowing one unearned run on two hits and two walks. Reliever Rich Rosenberger went two and 1/3 innings, allowing five unearned runs on three hits and two walks.

Tuesday, GW scored early as Ken LaVan walked to lead off the first inning and advanced to second on a walk to Orlosky. The Blue Hens then picked up two outs, leaving runners on second and third, but Fletcher singled, driving in two runs.

After each team added a run in the fifth inning, the Blue Hens took the lead in the top of the seventh inning. Reliever Mike Welch let up three runs as Delaware took a 4-3 lead.

GW tied the game in the bottom half of the seventh as pinch-hitter Greg Patton walked, advanced to second on a



Greg Orlosky shows off his home run trot after hitting his fourth homer of the season Wednesday.  
photo by Greg Heller

sacrifice and scored on Scott Sharp's single.

Allen Browning's eighth inning solo home run was all the Colonials needed, but GW added three insurance runs on a Pittsinger three-run homer.

"We hit better (Tuesday)," Fletcher said. "We were still a little flat, but we pulled it out."

Starter Matt Aminoff went five innings, yielding one earned run on five hits and a walk while striking out four. Welch went two innings in relief, yielding three runs on three hits.

Last Thursday, GW scored in the first inning as Welch and Orlosky hit back-to-back singles. The Patriot pitcher then hit Will Ferguson to load the bases.

Fletcher walked to bring in the first run of the game, before Pittsinger hit a grand-slam home run to give the Colonials a five-run lead in the first.

After each team scored a run in the second inning, the Colonials got a triple from Welch to lead of the fifth and then a double from Orlosky, driving in Welch.

Reliever Jeff Peterson took a beating in the sixth inning as he gave up a home run to lead off the inning. With two outs and one man on, Peterson allowed a double and another homer.

With GW up 7-5 in the sixth, the GMU pitcher started the inning by hitting Fletcher and walking Pittsinger before Sharp homered. LaVan then reached first on an error, stole second, advanced to third on another error and scoring on a Welch sacrifice fly.

GW struck again in the seventh on a three-run home run from L.J. Alefantis and scored in the eighth inning on a three-run Fletcher homer.

GW starter Bill Anderson (5-2) went five innings, allowing an earned run on three hits and a walk while striking out three.

**On Deck** — GW travels to Emmitsburg, Md., today to play Mount St. Mary's at 3 p.m. This weekend, GW hosts its first conference games of the season, a four-game series against Duquesne in doubleheaders Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at noon at Francis Field.

## Gymnasts tumble into Southeast regionals

by Vincent Tuss  
Hatchet Sports Writer

The GW gymnastics team will compete at a new level this weekend as the Colonial women participate in their first NCAA Regional gymnastics meet in four years. Saturday's trip to the Southeastern regional in Athens, Ga., culminates a year of hard work for the gymnasts and the realization of a season-long goal.

GW goes into the meet seeded sixth in a field of seven. The winner of this and the four other regional meets moves on to the NCAA Championships. The seven teams with the highest scores behind the regional winners receive at-large bids to the nationals.

The top three seeds in this year's Southeastern regional — the University of Georgia, the University of Florida and Towson State University — all qualified for last year's nationals.

"It's definitely the toughest regional," GW head coach Marge Cunningham said, "but at least you know you're good when you make it."

The Colonial women will see familiar competition in Athens. The fourth seed is Atlantic 10 Conference-rival West Virginia. In March at the Smith Center, the Mountaineers finished second at the A-10 Conference Tournament, scoring 186.55 points. North Carolina, who GW defeated earlier this season, 184.3 to 180.85, is ranked fifth in the regional.

The final seed in the regional is area rival Maryland. The gymnasts have

faced the Lady Terrapins twice this season — at the GW Invitational and in College Park. The Colonial women won both contests.

GW goes into the meet with good news. Sophomore Kathy Goonan, out since the GW Invitational with a knee injury, is ready to return to competition. "The knee's fine, it's just about recovered," Goonan said. She has been practicing the entire week in anticipation for Saturday's meet. The decision if she will compete, however, will not be made until the Colonial women arrive in Georgia.

GW is going into the regionals without high expectations. "I have no expectations at all," Cunningham said. "Just getting this far is accomplishing a lot. We just want to have very solid performances."

"We're very confident and very excited," freshman Andria Longoretta said. "It's just another gymnastics meet for us and we're not going to let the pressure and excitement destroy us."

Junior Nancy Plaskett added, "With our good start, we knew we would make it the whole time, but we need everyone in it to do it."

It was announced that senior Lisa Geczik and junior Angela Sarno were named to the GTE regional Academic All-American team.

**Vaults** — GW travels to Athens, Ga., Saturday to compete in the NCAA Southeastern Regionals beginning at 7 p.m.

## Crew drowns Drexel

The GW crew took to the water in Philadelphia, Saturday, with the women's boats excelling in the regatta against Drexel University.

In the women's novice eight race, the Colonial women won in a time of 6:33, 40 seconds ahead of Drexel. The varsity four also did well, topping the Dragons' boat by 42 seconds in a time of 7:02. GW's varsity eight and junior varsity eight also beat Drexel's varsity eight.

For the men, the varsity four team led the way, defeating the Dragons in

a time of 6:21. The Colonials lost races in the junior varsity and varsity lightweight divisions and in the novice eight class.

"The women's novice eight is a very good crew," GW head coach Paul Wilkins said. "We are going to be quite competitive."

**Strokes** — GW competes in the Johns Hopkins Invitational Saturday at 8 a.m. in Baltimore. Sunday, the team will travel to Occaquan, Va., for the Occaquan Invitational at 11 a.m.

## Red Sox lead American League East to higher ground

by Holger Stolzenberg

**W**ith a new baseball season rapidly approaching, the American League East has improved tremendously since last season and the AL East is no longer a fitting name for this division. The question is which team will emerge as top dog.

#### Boston Red Sox

Although it will be a race between Boston and Toronto, I can only see Roger Clemens and company emerging as the winner. The defending East Champions have improved themselves in a variety of ways for the 1991 season.

The Red Sox — who had a powerful offensive lineup to begin with — signed free-agent slugger Jack Clark, which will give Boston the edge to win the division.

Clark, along with Wade Boggs, Mike Greenwell, Ellis Burks, Tom Brunansky

and Jody Reed, will make Boston tough to pitch to in any spot of the lineup.

Boston managed to sign two underrated free-agent pitchers — Danny Darwin and Matt Young — who will join the rotation, replacing Mike Boddicker who fled to Kansas City.

#### Toronto Blue Jays

The Blue Jays, who had a lot of good everyday players and a great bench last year, have traded in their chips for a core of great starting players.

The addition of left fielder Joe Carter, second baseman Roberto Alomar and center fielder Devon White will give Toronto improved defense and base-running.

The pitching looks strong with Dave Stieb, Jimmy Key, David Wells and Todd Stottlemyre returning to the staff.

#### Baltimore Orioles

The Orioles are getting closer every

year, but they are still a little too far away. The team is on the right track, though, acquiring a franchise player — Glenn Davis — who will help the Orioles in many departments.

The pitching staff is probably as strong as it has been in the last three or four years. Jeff Ballard seems to have returned to form and Ben McDonald is a year older.

A strong bullpen is another plus for the Orioles, but a lack of offense at third base, catching and the outfield are the reasons why Baltimore won't be able to compete with either Toronto or Boston.

#### Cleveland Indians

The Indians aren't that bad. The team's long-range plan to rebuild is working. The pitching staff has improved with the addition of a lot of youngsters and the offense has slowly strengthened.

The pitching staff was plagued with injuries last season, but the Indians hope

ace Greg Swindell will return back to form. The Indians are counting on youngsters Charles Nagy, Eric King and Shawn Hillegas to help out.

#### Detroit Tigers

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#### Milwaukee Brewers

You don't have to worry about Detroit or Milwaukee surprising everyone and placing first, because they won't. The Tigers have tried to mix age and youth together but have gotten only mediocre results. A lack of pitching won't get the Brewers too much farther, either.

The loss of ace starter Jack Morris, who signed with the Minnesota Twins will hurt the Tiger's staff, while the loss of ace starter Teddy Higuera to injuries will hurt the Brewer's staff.

When it comes to pitching, both teams might be better off signing the GW base-

ball team's pitching staff rather than going with what they have.

#### New York Yankees

I wasn't kidding when I said that the AL East would improve. I think the Yankees will improve, but just because George Steinbrenner is gone doesn't mean the Yankees will get better overnight.

Trading for Scott Sanderson (17-10) is just like old times, getting mediocre pitchers to take over the staff. This guy had 10 losses for the Oakland A's, the best team in baseball. With the last place Yankees, you can take off seven wins and add seven losses to last year's record: 10-17.

The Yankees did nothing of importance over the winter except for resigning Mike Witt to a huge contract that he doesn't deserve.